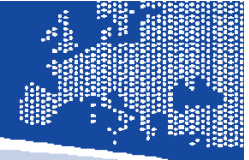




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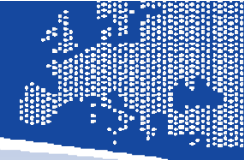
The future urban dimension: Aims and ambition

- Reinforcing the role of EU urban actions for territorial cohesion and for Europe 2020
- Strengthening the programming process for actions in urban areas
- Enhancing the integrated approach to urban development
- New instruments to deliver sustainable urban development



The future urban dimension: Elements

1. Strategic and integrated programming for urban areas
2. Specific urban investment priorities
3. Focus on sustainable urban development
4. Innovative urban actions
5. Urban development platform



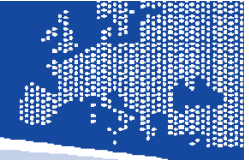
1. Strategic and integrated programming for urban areas

- Main challenges in urban areas set out in CSF
- MS approach to urban issues set out in Partnership Contract (including arrangements for the minimum 5% allocation to ITIs implemented by cities)
- Detailed allocations for urban investment priorities and integrated urban strategies in OPs
- List of cities implementing integrated strategies in Partnership Contract and relevant OPs
- Strengthened partnership to involve cities in programme design and implementation



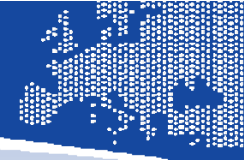
2. Specific urban investment priorities

- *Article 5 ERDF regulation sets out specific investment priorities for urban areas:*
 - Promoting low-carbon strategies for urban areas
 - Actions to improve the urban environment, including regeneration of brownfield sites and reduction of air pollution
 - Promoting sustainable urban mobility
 - Support for physical and economic regeneration of deprived urban communities



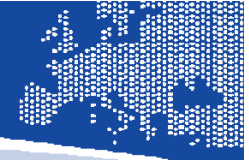
3. Focus on sustainable urban development (1)

- *Article 7 ERDF regulation fosters **integrated strategies** for urban areas:*
 - Support through strategies for integrated actions
 - To tackle the economic, environmental, climate and social challenges in urban areas
- ***List of cities** carrying out such integrated actions:*
 - Should be included in the Partnership Contract (can be modified in the course of the programming period)
 - With indicative annual allocation for integrated actions



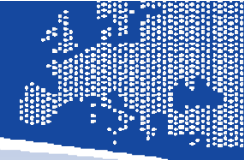
3. Focus on sustainable urban development (2)

- *Possibility to open up OPs in a cross-cutting way:*
 - Drawing funding from several priority axes from one or several OPs (e.g. ERDF OP, multi-fund OP, or separate ERDF and ESF OPs)
 - Bundled through a ring-fenced allocation for sustainable urban development ('mini-programme')
 - Implemented through Integrated Territorial Investments – ITI (Article 99 general regulation)
 - The ESF may complement the ERDF in its support to integrated urban development



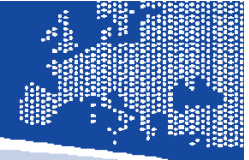
3. Focus on sustainable urban development (3)

- **At least 5%** of ERDF resources allocated to each MS should be ring-fenced for integrated strategies:
 - A minimum earmarking at national level
 - Can be achieved through summing up all ring-fenced allocations for cities in national and/or regional OPs
 - Applies only for those strategies implemented through **Integrated Territorial Investments (ITI)**
 - Implementation should be **delegated to cities**



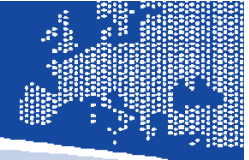
3. Focus on sustainable urban development (4)

- *Other forms of implementation or combined support:*
 - Support under one single urban investment priority
 - Support through community-led local development in urban areas
 - Support through financial instruments for urban development
 - Cross-financing between ERDF and ESF for urban actions
- *Functional and flexible approach:*
 - Interventions at the appropriate territorial scale (e.g. at neighbourhood level, district level, city or city-regional level or at the level of the metropolitan area)
 - Depending on the thematic scope of the integrated actions



4. Innovative urban actions

- *Article 9 ERDF regulation:*
 - Aim: Fostering new and innovative solutions in the field of sustainable urban development
 - Support for urban pilot projects, demonstration projects and studies of European interest
 - Up to 0,2% of the total annual ERDF allocation
 - Scope covers all thematic objectives and investment priorities
 - Implemented at the initiative of the Commission



5. Urban development platform

- *Article 8 ERDF regulation:*
 - Set up by the Commission to foster the dialogue and exchange about urban policy at EU level
 - Possible themes:
 - Implementation of integrated and innovative actions
 - Integration of European metropolitan areas
 - Contribution of cities to Europe 2020
 - Selection of cities by Commission upon proposal of MS (lists of cities in Partnership Contracts)
 - Taking into account population and national specificities
 - Maximum 300 cities with integrated strategies



**Thank you very much for
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